

Section 2

Regulation

Statement of purpose

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Connecticut Department of Public Health

Concerning

SUBJECT MATTER OF REGULATION

Mobile Field Hospital

Section 1. (NEW) The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies are amended by adding section 19a-487b-1 as follows:

(NEW) (a) Administration

- (1) A hospital, as defined in section 19a-490(b) of the general statutes, may operate a mobile field hospital, as defined in section 19a-487(a) of the general statutes, only if the Governor or the Governor's designee has authorized the activation of the mobile field hospital and only if the Department of Public Health has determined that the requirements specified below have been satisfied:
 - (A) The hospital has completed a site assessment and identified a suitable location to place the mobile field hospital and the department has approved of this location; and,
 - (B) The hospital has developed or adopted policies and protocols governing the operation of the mobile field hospital including, but not limited to, procedures for credentialing and staffing of the mobile field hospital disaster response and isolation care.
- (2) The hospital shall be responsible for operation of the mobile field hospital with logistical support from the department.

(b) Medical staff

- (1) The medical staff of the mobile field hospital shall be under the supervision of a physician who has been designated as the medical director by the hospital for the incident for which the mobile field hospital has been activated.
- (2) Said physician shall:
 - (A) Have a valid and current Connecticut license;
 - (B) Be qualified in the type of care and services being rendered;
 - (C) Be responsible for the quality of services being provided; and
 - (D) Have one (1) year of experience or training in supervising staff who are functioning in an emergent situation, or equivalent experience.

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- (c) Nursing services
 - (1) The nursing staff of the mobile field hospital shall be under the supervision of a registered nurse or advanced practice registered nurse designated as the nursing supervisor by the hospital for the incident for which the mobile field hospital has been activated.
 - (2) The nursing supervisor shall:
 - (A) Have a valid and current Connecticut license;
 - (B) Be responsible for the provision and quality of nursing services; and
 - (C) In consultation with the medical director physician, ensure sufficient nursing personnel are available to meet the needs of the patients.
 - (3) A registered nurse shall be on duty at all times the mobile field hospital is providing nursing services.
- (d) Medical records
 - (1) A medical record shall be created for each patient at the time of admission to the mobile field hospital and shall include, but need not be limited to:
 - (A) Identification data; and
 - (B) A registered nurse or licensed practitioner's notation describing the patient's condition on admission.
 - (2) The medical record of each patient admitted to the mobile field hospital shall contain sufficient information to justify the necessity of treatment, isolation, or other intervention. All necessary physical, mental, or other health assessments shall be performed and recorded by a practitioner with applicable statutory authority to perform said assessments.
 - (3) Medical records shall be safeguarded against loss, destruction or unauthorized use. Electronic medical records shall be consistent with state and federal policies and procedures for interoperability, privacy and security. Entries in medical records shall be legible and shall be signed by the practitioner who made the entry, provided the service, or wrote the order.
- (e) General
 - (1) The mobile field hospital shall maintain, or have available, appropriate equipment and sufficient qualified staff to meet the needs of the patients.
 - (2) The hospital may contract for services, in compliance with federal and state laws, that are necessary for the provision of patient care or mobile field hospital operations related to the incident for which the mobile field hospital has been activated. Such services may include, but are not limited to: pharmacy, radiology, dietary, laboratory, laundry, waste removal, and security.

Statement of Purpose

(A) The purpose of this regulation is to comply with Section 19a-487b of the general statutes. These provisions require the Commissioner of Public Health to adopt regulations to implement mobile field hospital policies and procedures. (B) The proposed regulation will allow hospitals to operate a mobile field hospital, for disaster response and patient isolation, provided the governor or the governor's designee has authorized its activation and provided the requirements specified in the regulation have been met. These requirements will protect public health and safety while ensuring that the needs of patients are met in this environment. (C) This regulation will add section 19a-487b – 1 to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.